Kshetriya Gramin Bank in UP. is transferring accounts into dormant accounts or dead accounts in an arbitary manner irrespective of amount in the accounts;

(d) if so, the details of accounts transferred into dormant accounts during November, 2000 alongwith justification thereof, account-wise; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by Government against guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) Bank of Baroda which is the sponsor bank of Sultanpur Kshetriya Gramin Bank (SKGB) has reported that as per existing instructions saving bank accounts where there is not any transaction during four consecutive half years (two years) are treated as inoperative/dormant'accounts and such accounts are subsequently transferred into inoperative/dorment account head. However, these dormant accounts can be revived on a fresh request of the account holder in person with assurance for satisfactory operation of the account.

(c) and (d) the Bank has further reported that as per existing guidelines Kurebhar Branch has transferred 121 saving accounts to dormant accounts during November, 2000. In accordance with the practice and usages customary amongst the banks and in conformity with the provisions of statutes governing the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) the information in respect of the constituents of the RRBs can not be divulged.

(e) Does not arise.

Appointment on compassionate ground in Regional Rural Bank in Madhubani

†1421. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendation has been received for appointment on compassionate ground in Regional Rural Bank in Madhubani, Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) by when the formality of appointment is likely to be completed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) to (c) Central Bank *oi* India the sponsor bank of Madhubani Kshetriya Gramin Bank (MKGB) has reported that an application was received in 1998 from the widow of a deceased Officer of MKGB for appointment of herson on compassionate grounds. Due to the pending disciplinary proceedings against the deceased Officer the case for appointment of his son could not be considered. The Bank has further reported that it is putting up the matter to its Board shortly for appropriate decision.

Relief to common man

1422. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether<aovernment are actively considering some proposals to give some relief to common man to boost consumer spending, as reported in the Hindustan Times of July 11, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Details are being collected.

Increase in States' share from divisible pool

1423. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the total quantum of central resources (tax and non-tax) transferable to States from the divisible pool from the present 28 per cent to 50 per cent as demanded by some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what measures are proposed to be taken to increase the avenues of revenue sources to States?